Amendments to House Bill No. 178 1st Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Franke Wilmer

For the House Education Committee

Prepared by Greg Petesch January 15, 2007 (9:39am)

1. Title, line 5. Strike: "BASE"

2. Title, line 6. Following: "THAT IS" Insert: "AT LEAST"

3. Title, line 9. Following: "DATE"

Insert: "AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE"

4. Page 1, lines 14 and 15. Strike: "base" on line 14 Insert: "adopted legislative"

Following: "must" on line 14

Strike: remainder of line 14 through "that is" on line 15

Insert: "be"

Following: "equal to" Insert: "or greater than"

5. Page 1, line 16. Strike: "that was"

6. Page 1, line 16. Following: "biennium"

Insert: "but is not require to exceed the legislative

appropriations plus tuition"

Explanation - The adopted legislative budget of the Montana university system must be equal to or greater than the percentage of the current unrestricted operating budgets of the Montana university system educational units funded by resident tuition in the prior biennium but is not required to exceed the legislative appropriations plus tuition.

7. Page 3, line 18. "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Applicability. [This act] Insert: applies to budgets adopted after July 1, 2008."